

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An interactive computer method for managing at least one project, the method comprising the steps of:
 - establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer software system;
 - activating at least two or more information modules to store and control information for at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;
 - defining authorized individuals who have access to the interactive computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;
 - creating an electronic collaboration center as one of the information modules on the computer software system for the time disjointed electronic interaction of authorized individuals on the project;
 - determining access to the collaboration center by the authorized individuals;
 - defining at least one collaboration in the collaboration center associated with the at least one project, the at least one collaboration including a collaboration leader, a collaboration topic, a collaboration status and at least one of a collaboration summary a collaboration status, and a collaboration status statement;
 - allowing the collaboration leader to modify at least one of the collaboration summary, the collaboration status and the collaboration status statement; and
 - accepting input information at the collaboration center from the authorized individuals to facilitate resolution of a project issue related to the collaboration.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

allowing all authorized individuals to perform at least one of review, submit, author, and change data and to interact with other authorized individuals electronically in the collaboration center.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

notifying all authorized individuals of a change in at least one of the collaboration purpose, the deadline, the collaboration action plan, and input information.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

forwarding one of a question and an issue involving at least one element of the collaboration to be decided by all authorized project individuals;

accepting votes of authorized individuals for the issue on at least one element of the collaboration;

making a decision by the project leader on the issue based in part on the votes; and

displaying the results of the vote.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

maintaining and displaying the status at least one of the collaboration summary, the collaboration status, and the collaboration status statement of each collaboration.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

providing the collaboration center with the capability of receiving documents attached to authorized individual responses.

7. -8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

using bi-directional electronic mail interaction between authorized individuals and the information modules; and

the information modules automatically documenting the electronic mail in the appropriate information module by updating the information in the appropriate information module.

10. - 33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of: An interactive computer method for managing a project comprising the steps of:

~~establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;~~

~~defining authorized individuals who have access to the interactive~~

computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;

creating an electronic collaboration center in one of the modules on the computer system for the time-disjointed electronic interaction of authorized individuals on the project;

defining a collaboration in the collaboration center including a collaboration leader and a collaboration summary and including at least one of a collaboration purpose, a collaboration action plan and a deadline for the collaboration;

determining in the collaboration center access to the collaboration center by the authorized individuals;

accepting input information at the collaboration center from authorized individuals to facilitate resolution of a project issue;

using the collaboration center for planning and resolving a collaboration purpose;

using bi-directional electronic mail interaction between authorized individuals and the information modules;

providing an electronic mail response capability for at least certain of the requests and notifications issued in any of the information modules allowing an authorized user to respond to the request and notification by direct electronic mail reply; and

the information modules automatically documenting the reply and any documents attached to the reply in the appropriate information module by updating the information in the appropriate information module.

35. - 40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

providing an electronic notepad for each authorized individual to make personal notes about any item of information in the network relating to the project; and
attaching the personal notes to the items of information for use only by the authorized individual.

42. – 51. (Cancelled).

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: An interactive computer method for managing a project comprising the steps of:

~~establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;~~

~~defining authorized individuals who have access to the interactive computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;~~

~~creating an electronic collaboration center in one of the modules on the computer system for the time disjointed electronic interaction of authorized individuals on the project;~~

~~determining in the collaboration center access to the collaboration center by the authorized individuals;~~

~~defining a collaboration in the collaboration center including a collaboration leader and a collaboration summary and including at least one of a collaboration purpose, a collaboration action plan and a deadline for the collaboration;~~
~~accepting input information at the collaboration center from authorized~~

individuals to facilitate resolution of a project issue;
using the collaboration center for planning and resolving a collaboration purpose;
linking at least two information items in at least two of the information modules for bi-directional data interchange navigation between the at least two information items, each module;
providing a project plan having a plurality of items;
linking each item to a set of tasks;
linking any item and task to an issue describing a problem and a call for action; and
linking all of the information and actions associated with the issue to the tasks and the project plan item.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

defining by a project leader a plurality of organizational categories;
specifying the name of at least one authorized individual as the first request recipient for each defined organization category; and
routing a request for information relating to at least one organizational category from at least one authorized individual to the first request recipient for the organizational category

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of: An interactive computer method for managing a project comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking

project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;

defining authorized individuals who have access to the interactive computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;

creating an electronic collaboration center in one of the modules on the computer system for the time disjointed electronic interaction of authorized individuals on the project;

determining in the collaboration center access to the collaboration center by the authorized individuals;

defining a collaboration in the collaboration center including a collaboration leader and a collaboration summary and including at least one of a collaboration purpose, a collaboration action plan and a deadline for the collaboration; accepting input information at the collaboration center from authorized individuals to facilitate resolution of a project issue;

using the collaboration center for planning and resolving a collaboration purpose;

issuing a request for project review by an authorized project individual;

designating a plurality of designated recipients of the review request by an authorized individual;

providing for a reply from the plurality of designated review requests by one in parallel from each designated review recipient and in series from all of the designated delegated recipients;

providing for the delivery of the review request to the designated recipients in one of:

directly in parallel providing each of the designated recipients with the

capability of one of replying to the review request directly, delegating the review request to a designated delegate with the capability for the designated delegate to respond directly to a requestor of the request for review, and delegating the request for review to a designated recipient with the designated recipient's response routed to the designated recipient for review prior to delivery to the requestor;

and to a designated first recipient directly;

providing the first designated recipient of one of replying to the review request for direct delivery, delegating the request for review to a designated delegate with the capability for the designated delegate to respond directly to a requestor of the request for review delegating the request for review to a designated recipient with the designated recipient's response routed to the first designated recipient for review prior to the requestor; and

serially delegating the review request to a next designated recipient having the same reply and delegating options to deliver a reply to requestor.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

defining at least one of collaboration purpose, a collaboration action plan and deadline for the collaboration.

56. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the linked information modules are at least two of an information module project plan, an information module task manager, an information module issue manager and an information module collaboration center.

57. (New) The method of claim 52 further comprising the steps of:
providing a project plan having a plurality of items;

linking each item to a set of tasks;
linking any item and task to an issue describing a problem and a call for action; and
linking all of the information and actions associated with the issue to the tasks and the project plan item.

58. (New) The method of claim 57 further comprising the step of:
linking all of the information and actions associated with the issue to the collaboration.

59. (New) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
providing a summary view of the information related to the collaboration.